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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING
OF RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Petition is filed with the Amendment in response to the Office
Action mailed 08 October 2003. The time period for submission of this Amendment
was set to expire 08 January 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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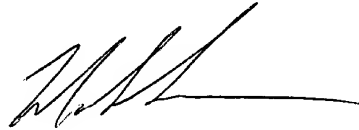
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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time of one (1) months for filing the Amendment in the above-identified application, such extension to expire 08 February 2004, which time is within the statutory period.

The Fee set in Rule 1.17 for the above-period is enclosed. If there is any deficiency or overage in the Fee required for the above-requested extension, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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